

Joint Code of Conduct for Baseball and Softball

Everyone involved in the sports of baseball and softball, on and off the field, is expected to demonstrate exemplary behavior in order to promote the sports of baseball and softball and ensure all participants (children and adults) have a safe and secure environment in which they can participate.

This will be achieved by:

- Making sport fun, enjoyable and promoting fair play
- Adhere to the Official Rules
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the decisions of match officials
- Never engage in public criticism of match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Avoid bullying, intimidation and poor behaviour
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, volunteers, staff and spectators
- Support a positive culture and climate both on the field and off

Remember we all make mistakes.

Members of the Executive Boards of the BSF, BBF and BSUK are expected to:

- Act in the best interests of the organisation they serve, above other interests or obligations
- Take collective responsibility for the implementation of decisions
- Act in good faith and with integrity
- Exercise due care and diligence
- Disclose and avoid any conflicts of interest
- Respect the confidentiality of those matters so classified
- Ensure they do not use their position to gain advantage for themselves or others
- Ensure that the work of the organisation they serve is open and accountable

The purpose of the Joint Code is to act as a simple public document setting out the core principles to which players and officials are expected to adhere at all times.

The British Baseball Federation (BBF), British Softball Federation (BSF), BaseballSoftballUK (BSUK) and individual leagues, clubs, teams and other affiliated organisations will supplement this Joint Code with their own more detailed codes and policies as appropriate.

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